

statement and push that to the fore and saying that ~~explicit~~ explains all the rest of Scripture--we must take various statements and balance them one against the other and get full orb and picture of truth. Here it is contrasted with Jews--it would strongly suggest Gentiles. He is still assuming there are Jews though he is not including Jews --there were these Jews in the council and they are already in the kingdom. If you have a preference to interpreting the verse differently, I have no objection--I would be absolutely sure that he is speaking here of Gentiles, and there are Jews, because there were Jews right there with them. Timothy was Jew, with a Greek father and not circumcised--so Paul did not understand this to mean that the Jews shouldn't be circumcised but that it referred to the Jews. Those that are following him--that they might follow him even more fully, though you couldn't be dogmatic about it. He is bringing out that there will be Gentiles when Christ comes back, and therefore it is not our duty to make all the Christians Jews. He doesn't say all the Gentiles, but all which the Lord calls out. I think this fits in the best with the interpretation and with the LXX. To say that the church is predicted, that would have nothing to do with this.

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